

## **Your Disco Needs You**

Canberra's Gay and Lesbian Qwire will perform for one night only at 8pm on Saturday 2 July at the ANU Arts Centre. The show is called 'Your Disco Needs You' and will feature hits from national and international gay icons, including a medley of songs by Kylie Minogue, Dusty Springfield's *Son of A Preacher* and Bette Midler's *Wind Beneath My Wings*.

The Qwire was formed in 1993 with a group of seven people. Since then, it has grown in size and quality, with an astonishingly varied repertoire and a vibrant public concert schedule, including performances for AIDS benefits, music festivals and community concerts.

Kenneth Teoh took over as Musical Director in February 2010. Under Ken's creative direction, the Qwire has enjoyed even greater success with sell out performances for its biannual productions. Ken is also the Artistic and Musical Director of both the ABC Community Choir and the Canberra Men's Choir.

Qwire members come in all shapes and sizes, from all walks of life and ages. What unites them is a passion for singing but under Ken's choreographic skills, members do more than sing, as you'll see at the Qwire's next performance when members will strut their stuff in true disco fashion.

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## **Ken Teoh - bio**

Born in Penang, Malaysia, Ken moved to Canberra in 1994 where he studied at the ANU. Ken says the best things about living in Canberra are the clean air and the friendly people. He also likes that it's easy to get around and is surrounded by beautiful nature reserves.

These days, Ken devotes most of his time to community music, sharing his passion for music with people from all walks of life, mainly through his work with school and community choirs. His 'office' ranges from concert halls to street corners, school gyms to convention centres, and foreign embassies to prisons. Ken is currently the Artistic and Musical Director of the ABC Community Choir, a choir of approximately 150 singers, and the Canberra Men's Choir. He has held the positions of Artistic Director and Musical Director of numerous Canberra choirs including the Canberra Boys Choir, the Strange Weather Gospel Choir, the Burton and Garran Singers, and the Canberra Youth Choir.

Although spending many hours a week in the music industry, Ken also has a full time job as a lawyer. If he had unlimited time and money, Ken says he would travel, building schools and hospitals in less developed countries. He also dreams of being able to 'Teach everyone in the world to sing or play an instrument'.

Ken is available for interview and can be contacted by email to [kteohoz@yahoo.com](mailto:kteohoz@yahoo.com).